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British Medical Association.

EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE, JULY, 1921.

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

President: The Right Hon. Sir T. CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, P.C., K.C.B., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge.

President-Elect: DAVID DRUMMOND, C.B.E., M.A., M.D., D.C.L., Vice-Chancellor and Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine, University of Durham.

Chairman of Representative Meetings: T. W. H. GARSTANG, M.A., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chairman of Council: R. A. BOLAM, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Treasurer: G. E. HASLIP, M.D.

PROGRAMME.

The President, Professor DAVID DRUMMOND, will give an Address on Tuesday, July 19th, at 8 p.m.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING will begin on Friday, July 15th, at 10 a.m., and be continued on the following days.

The REPRESENTATIVES' DINNER will be held on Friday, July 15th, at 7.30 p.m.

The statutory ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on July 19th, at 2 p.m., and the Adjourned General Meeting at 8 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place on Thursday, July 21st, at 7.30 p.m.

Religious services will be held on Tuesday, July 19th, at 5 p.m.

The Conference of Secretaries will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 20th, and the Secretaries' Dinner will take place in the evening at 6.30.

A Special Address on Industrial Medicine will be given by Sir Thomas Oliver, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., on Wednesday, July 20th, at 8 p.m.

The Popular Lecture, on "Evolutionary Wounds," will be delivered by Professor Arthur Keith, F.R.S., on Friday, July 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.

THE SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS.

The Sections will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Laboratory and Clinical Demonstrations will be given on Wednesday, July 20th, Thursday, July 21st, and Friday, July 22nd, between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

The following Sections meet on three days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 20, 21, and 22.

MEDICINE.

President: Professor THOMAS BEATTIE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: The Right Hon. LORD DAWSON of PENN, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.; Professor A. J. HALL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; G. S. HAYNES, M.D., M.R.C.P.; J. WILKIE SMITH, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: C. E. LAKIN, M.D., F.R.C.P., (105, Harley Street, London, W.1); W. T. RITCHIE, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed. (14, Rothesay Place, Edinburgh); Professor W. E. HUME, C.M.G., M.D., F.R.C.P. (4, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:—

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Visceral Syphilis, especially of the Central Nervous System and Cardio-Vascular System. To be introduced by the Right Hon. Sir CLIFFORD ALLBUTT, K.C.B., F.R.S., followed by Dr. Gordon Holmes, Professor Reynolds, Dr. John Cowan, Dr. A. G. Gibson, Dr. John Eason and Dr. Ivy McKenzie.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Asthma and Allied Disorders. To be opened by Sir HUMPHRY ROLLESTON, K.C.B., followed by Dr. John Freeman, Dr. A. F. Hurst, Mr. Frank Coke, Dr. Mackenzie Wallis and Dr. Charles McNeil.

July 22nd (10-11.30 a.m.).—Discussion: Encephalitis Lethargica. To be opened by Dr. EDWIN BRAMWELL, followed by Dr. Wilfred Harris, Professor A. J. Hall, Dr. C. H. Melland. (11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.).—Discussion: Renal Efficiency Tests. To be opened by Professor H. MCLEAN, followed by Professor Boyd.

In the afternoons of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, from 3 to 4.30, cases will be demonstrated by the honorary medical staff in the medical wards of the Royal Victoria Infirmary. Short papers and demonstrations will be arranged during the same hours.

Anyone wishing to take part in the above discussions, or give demonstrations, is asked to communicate with Dr. W. E. Hume, Honorary Secretary, Section of Medicine, 4, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne, in order that he may forward a copy of the opener's remarks when available.

SURGERY.

President: Professor J. RUTHERFORD MORISON, D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: Professor H. BRUNTON ANGUS, F.R.C.S.; ARTHUR COOKE, F.R.C.S.; W. J. GREER, F.R.C.S.I.; A. M. MARTIN, M.B.

Honorary Secretaries: W. GIRLING BALL, F.R.C.S. (77, Wimpole Street, London, W.1); J. M. RENTON, F.R.C.S. (16, Sandyford Place, Glasgow, W.); G. GREY TURNER, M.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S. (The Hawthorns, Osborne Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (Morning Session).—Discussion: Acute Pleural Empyema. To be opened by Mr. HENRY WADE, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin. (Edinburgh).

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, demonstrations will be given by Professor RUTHERFORD MORISON at the War Pensions Hospital of cases and specimens illustrating (1) Bipp, (2) Bone Cavities, (3) Bone Grafts. Cases will also be shown by other members of the staff.

July 21st (Morning Session).—Discussion: Compound Fracture of the Thigh and Leg.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, demonstrations will be given at the Royal Victoria Infirmary of cases and specimens illustrating Compound Fracture of the Thigh and Leg.

July 22nd (Morning Session).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Injuries of the Intestines. To be opened by Mr. GORDON TAYLOR, O.B.E., M.S. (London).

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, demonstrations will be given by Mr. G. GREY TURNER at the Royal Victoria Infirmary of six cases of implantation of the ureter into the bowel.

Operations will be arranged by the staff of the Royal Victoria Infirmary for each afternoon at 2 o'clock.

One or two short papers will also be read on each day after the discussion.

Anyone wishing to take part in the discussions or demonstrations is invited to communicate with the Secretaries, and those wishing to read short papers are asked to send a summary, to be brought before the officers of the Section. There will also be an exhibition of specimens illustrating the subjects for discussion, and members are asked to advise the Secretaries of any specimens they propose to exhibit.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: Professor STUART MCDONALD, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed.

Vice-Presidents: J. F. GASKELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; JAMES A. MURRAY, M.D.; Professor MATTHEW J. STEWART, M.B., M.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: R. R. ELWORTHY, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P. (West London Hospital, Hammersmith, London, W.6); A. F. BERNARD SHAW, M.D., M.R.C.P.I. (Pathological Department, College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Pathological Museum.

The Pathological Museum Committee proposes to arrange the material under the following heads: (1) Exhibits bearing on discussions and papers to the various Sections; (2) specimens and illustrations relating to any recent research work; (3) instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation; (4) individual specimens of special interest or a series illustrating some special subject. It is proposed to gather together a series of exhibits illustrating the pathology of individual cases. Such exhibits will include a brief clinical history of the case and mounted specimens of the different organs and tissues illustrating the pathological changes and the correlation of the lesions. Other interesting specimens will be welcomed. The Honorary Secretary of the Pathological Museum Committee is Dr. A. F. Bernard Shaw, Pathological Department, College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The museum will occupy a central position in the same building as that in which the sectional work is carried on. Every care will be taken of specimens, and the contents of the museum will be insured. It is hoped to make arrangements for exhibitors to demonstrate their specimens.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WITH INDUSTRIAL DISEASES.

President: Sir THOMAS OLIVER, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: Sir JOSIAH COURT, M.R.C.S.; T. EUSTACE HILL, O.B.E., M.B.; I. G. MODLIN, O.B.E., M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: C. M. WILSON, M.C., M.D. (64, South Audley Street, Grosvenor Square, W.1.); W. H. DICKINSON, O.B.E., M.B., D.P.H. (1, Ridley Villas, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

ORTHOPAEDICS AND DISEASES IN CHILDREN.

President: A. H. TUBBY, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: R. C. ELMSLIE, O.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S.; H. MORLEY FLETCHER, M.D., F.R.C.P.; LACHLAN G. FRASER, M.D.; Sir HENRY M. W. GRAY, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; A. E. MORISON, F.R.C.S.Edin. (Director of Demonstrations).

Honorary Secretaries: C. MAX PAGE, D.S.O., F.R.C.S. (134, Harley Street, London, W.1); FRANK HAWTHORN, D.S.O., M.D. (10, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne); H. R. SOUPER, M.D. (Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Castle Leazes, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following preliminary programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Mr. A. H. Tubby. Discussion: The Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Anterior Poliomyelitis.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Dr. H. Morley Fletcher. Discussion: Blood Diseases in Children.

July 22nd (10 a.m.).—*Chairman:* Sir Henry M. W. Gray. Discussion: Tuberculosis of Bone; General Principles of Treatment.

The following Sections meet on two days—Wednesday and Thursday, July 20 and 21.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY.

President: Professor A. W. MACKINTOSH, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed.

Vice-Presidents: A. HELEN A. BOYLE, M.D.; E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD, M.D., F.R.C.P.; HARRY CAMPBELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; HORSLEY DRUMMOND, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: ANTHONY FEILING, M.D. (41, Devonshire Street, London, W.); GEORGE HALL, C.M.G., M.D., M.R.C.P. (1, Eslington Road, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Borderland Cases. To be opened by Professor G. M. ROBERTSON (Edinburgh) and Dr. JAMES COLLIER (London).

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Papers.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: Professor J. D. WARDALE, M.B., B.S.

Vice-Presidents: H. P. BENNETT, M.B.; Lieut.-Colonel R. H. ELLIOT, M.D., F.R.C.S., I.M.S. (ret.); HARRY M. TRAQUAIR, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed.

Honorary Secretaries: N. B. B. FLEMING, M.B., Ch.B. (9, Harley Street, London, W.1); STANLEY ROBSON, M.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Milton House, Rowlands Gill, co. Durham).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Causes and Prevention of Blindness. To be opened by Mr. BISHOP HARMAN, F.R.C.S. (London).

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Treatment of Corneal Ulcers. To be opened by Mr. J. V. PATERSON, F.R.C.S.Edin. (Edinburgh).

OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY.

President: G. WILLIAM HILL, M.D., B.Sc.

Vice-Presidents: R. GORDON BELL, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin.; JAMES DON, M.D.; DAN MCKENZIE, M.D., F.R.C.S.Edin.

Honorary Secretaries: LIONEL COLLEDGE, M.B., F.R.C.S. (22, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); W. FRANK WILSON, M.B., B.S. (97, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Discussion: Problems in connexion with the Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Meningitis occurring in Aural Cases. To be opened by Sir CHARLES BALLANCE, K.C.M.G., C.B.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Various Problems presented by Haemorrhage occurring in connexion with Operations on the Tonsils.

PHYSIOLOGY, PHARMACOLOGY, THERAPEUTICS, AND DIETETICS.

President: H. H. DALE, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.S.

Vice-Presidents: Professor A. V. HILL, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.; Professor JOHN C. MEAKINS, M.D.; Professor J. A. MENZIES, M.D.; ALFRED PARKIN, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: O. INCHLEY, M.A., M.D. (Babraham, Cambridge); Miss MILDRED ATKINSON, B.Sc. (College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

VENEREAL DISEASES.

President: Colonel L. W. HARRISON, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Vice-Presidents: JAMES CHARLES BUCKLEY, M.D.; CHARLES GIBBS, F.R.C.S.; MARY RAW, M.B.

Honorary Secretaries: KENNETH M. WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (86, Harley Street, London, W.).; JAMES HUDSON, M.D. (42, Crossley Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

July 20th (10 a.m.).—Treatment of Syphilis in Man, by Dr. R. MacKenna. Syphilis in Women and Children, by Professor Walter Swayne.

July 21st (10 a.m.).—Treatment of Gonorrhoea in Men, by Dr. David Lees. The Standard of Cure in Gonorrhoea, by Dr. Townley Clarkson.

In the afternoon of Wednesday (July 20th) a demonstration will be held of Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment in Venereal Diseases, Dark-ground Illumination Work, Models of Venereal Disease Clinics, etc.

The following Section meets on two days—Thursday and Friday, July 21 and 22.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

President: Professor R. P. RANKEN LYLE, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: Lady BARRETT, M.D.; W. R. GROVE, M.D.; WILLIAM ROBINSON, F.R.C.S.
Honorary Secretaries: GORDON LEY, F.R.C.S. (5, Wimpole Street, London, W.1); MABEL R. CAMPBELL, M.A., M.B. (49, Wingrove Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne); E. FARQUHAR MURRAY, M.D., F.R.C.S. (52, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:
July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Rôle of Caesarean Section in Midwifery. To be opened by Dr. EARDLEY L. HOLLAND (London) and Dr. J. M. MUNRO KERR (Glasgow). Paper: The Treatment of Advanced Malignant Disease of the Cervix, by Dr. ARTHUR BURROWS (Manchester), to be followed by a discussion.
July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Neurasthenic Element in Midwifery and Gynaecology. To be opened by Dr. ARCHIBALD DONALD (Manchester) and Dr. FARQUHAR BUZZARD (London). Papers to be followed by discussion: (1) Curettage, (*a*) Diagnostic, (*b*) Treatment of Uterine Haemorrhage, by Dr. H. BECKWITH WHITEHOUSE (Birmingham). (2) The Position of the Medical Practitioner called in to attend a case of Procured Abortion, by Dr. JOHN CAMPBELL (Belfast).

The following Sections meet on one day as indicated.

Wednesday, July 20th.

AMBULANCE AND RED CROSS.

President: Sir JAMES CANTLIE, K.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: ROBERT ANDERSON, M.D.; Sir G. T. BEATSON, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.D.; Major-General Sir G. J. H. EVATT, K.C.B., M.D.; Rev. C. F. TOWNLEY, M.A.
Honorary Secretaries: Lieut.-Colonel R. M. VICK, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (The Warden's House, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1); H. L. RUTTER, M.B.E., F.R.C.S. (31, West Parade, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

PROCTOLOGY.

President: J. P. LOCKHART-MUMMERY, F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: HENRY B. DENSHAM, M.B.; W. ERNEST MILES, F.R.C.S.; D. P. D. WILKIE, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Honorary Secretaries: CECIL W. ROWNTREE, F.R.C.S. (9, Upper Brook Street, London, W.1); HAMILTON DRUMMOND, F.R.C.S. Edin. (6, Saville Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

Thursday, July 21st.

DERMATOLOGY.

President: JOHN FARQUHAR CHRISTIE, M.A., M.B.
Vice-Presidents: ERNEST DORE, M.D., F.R.C.P.; ARTHUR D. HEATH, M.D., M.R.C.P.; D. WELLS PATTERSON, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P.
Honorary Secretaries: WILLIAM JENKINS OLIVER, M.A., M.B. (58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); SYDNEY THOMPSON, M.B., B.S. (19, Windsor Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:
July 21st (10 a.m.).—Discussions: (1) Cutaneous Sensitization and Focal Sepsis in the Etiology of certain Skin Affections. To be opened by H. W. BARBER, M.B.Camb., M.R.C.P. (2) The Association of Skin Tuberculosis with Visceral and other Tuberculous Manifestations. To be opened by GEORGE H. LANCASHIRE, M.D. (3) Dermatological Cases attending the Pensions Boards. To be opened by HENRY MACCORMAC, C.B.E., M.D.Edin., F.R.C.P.Lond. (with the permission of the Ministry of Pensions).

Friday, July 22nd.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: Sir JENNER VERRALL, LL.D., M.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: CHARLES BUTTAR, M.A., M.D.; A. C. FARQUHARSON, M.D., M.P.; E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, M.B., B.S.
Honorary Secretaries: J. F. WALKER, M.B. (Rocklands, Clifton Terrace, Southend-on-Sea); MABEL G. BRODIE, M.B. (Maternity and Child Welfare Offices, 42, Old Elvet, Durham).

RADIOLOGY AND ELECTRO-THERAPEUTICS.

President: ROBERT KNOX, M.D.
Vice-Presidents: W. HOPE FOWLER, F.R.C.S.Edin.; ROBERT EDWARD HOWELL, M.B., C.M.
Honorary Secretaries: JAMES METCALFE, M.D. (123, Harley Street, London, W.1); THOMAS LOWE BUNTING, M.D. (6, Portland Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:
July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: On the Changes induced in Blood Constituents by Radiations: (*a*) Experimental evidence, Professor SIDNEY RUSS and Dr. ARCHIBALD LEITCH; (*b*) Clinical observations, Dr. MOTTRAM, Dr. GAMLEN, Dr. J. B. WATERS, Dr. METCALFE, Dr. HOPE FOWLER and others. On Morbid Conditions of the Blood: (1) The Anaemias, (2) Leukaemia, (3) Banti's disease, etc. Opening paper by Professor G. L. GULLAND, C.M.G. (Edinburgh). Discussion on Surgical Diathermy, to be opened by Dr. CUMBERBATCH, followed by Dr. HOWARD HUMPHRIS, Dr. SABERTON and others.
Exhibition of radiograms, etc., in the Pathological Museum.
A visit will be paid to the *x*-ray and electro-therapeutic departments of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

UROLOGY.

President: J. W. THOMSON WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.
Vice-Presidents: P. J. CAMMIDGE, M.D.; JOHN CLAY, C.B.E., F.R.C.S.; H. C. PEARSON, F.R.C.S.Ed.
Honorary Secretaries: SYDNEY G. MACDONALD, F.R.C.S. (51, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1); W. S. DICKIE, O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (Ardencapel, Southfield Road, Middlesbrough).

The following provisional programme has been arranged:
July 22nd (10 a.m.).—Discussion: The Diagnosis and Treatment of Cystitis. To be opened by J. F. DOBSON, M.S., F.R.C.S. (Surgical). Papers: Experimental Evidence bearing on the Source of the Amylolytic Ferment in the Urine, by P. J. Cammidge, M.D.; Open Prostatectomy, by J. W. Thomson Walker, M.B., F.R.C.S.; Treatment of Bladder Growths, by Sydney G. MacDonald, M.B., F.R.C.S.

The Honorary Local General Secretary of the meeting is R. J. Willan, M.V.O., O.B.E., F.R.C.S., 6, Kensington Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

PROVISIONAL TIME TABLE.

The following is the provisional time table for the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Meeting, 1921:

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH, 1921.
10 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting.

SATURDAY, JULY 16TH.
9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 18TH.
9.30 a.m.—Council Meeting.
10 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

TUESDAY, JULY 19TH.
9.30 a.m.—Representative Meeting.
2 p.m.—Annual General Meeting.
5 p.m.—Religious Services.
8 p.m.—Adjourned General Meeting, President's Address.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20TH.
9 a.m.—Council Meeting.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2 p.m.—Secretaries' Conference.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
6.30 p.m.—Secretaries' Dinner.
8 p.m.—Special Address on Industrial Medicine.

THURSDAY, JULY 21ST.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner.

FRIDAY, JULY 22ND.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
3 to 4.30 p.m.—Demonstrations.
7.30 p.m.—Popular Lecture.

SATURDAY, JULY 23RD.
Excursions.

ACCOMMODATION AT NEWCASTLE.

Hotels.

A LIST of these was published in the SUPPLEMENT of May 7th. The Market, Clyde, and Norfolk are strictly commercial hotels. Doctors bringing their wives with them are advised to apply to the hotels heading the list, unless applying to the residential hotels for accommodation. It is suggested that two members attending the Annual Meeting might arrange to engage a room with two beds if they fail to obtain single rooms. The managers of the hotels have been informed that, in the event of one of the beds in the rooms with twin-beds being engaged by a member, the remaining bed must only be occupied by a member of the British Medical Association.

Members are again advised to make early application for rooms at Whitley Bay.

Lodgings.

The list of these is a small one. The scarcity of houses has driven many people into lodgings; thus a very large number were found when visited to be in permanent occupation. The landladies, too, showed an independence

which was somewhat trying. The committee therefore wishes to make the fullest use of hotel accommodation. A list of lodgings, however, is available, but it was felt that it would save much annoyance and correspondence if members desiring to stay in lodgings would communicate direct with the Honorary Secretary of the Hotels and Lodgings Committee, Dr. E. Farquhar Murray, 52, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who will arrange for their accommodation.

The following points, if observed, will facilitate the work of allocation when application is made:

1. Engaging rooms for a week will be much easier than for a night or two. The majority of landladies want this, although a number state terms for a night.
2. The charges for bed and breakfast range from 6s. to 12s. 6d. The range, therefore, should be stated.
3. The number for whom accommodation is required should be stated, and whether medical men, medical women, or doctor and wife.
4. The majority of the landladies offer only bed and breakfast. It should be stated if more meals are required.
5. The exact dates of arrival and departure should be given.
6. When writing state if, failing accommodation being found in lodgings, the member would be agreeable to being put up in an hotel, hostel, or elsewhere.

Hostels.

Particulars of one Newcastle hostel were given in the SUPPLEMENT of May 7th. A number of the Durham hostels and colleges have been put at the disposal of the Association, but it has been decided not to take them over at present until an indication is given that a sufficient number of members wish to stay at Durham, or until the accommodation at Newcastle is fully taken up. Members who desire to reside at Durham during the meeting should write to the Local Representative, Dr. F. F. T. Hare, The Avenue, Durham, as early as possible, when the necessary accommodation will be provided.

Medical Women.

Those who propose to come to the meeting and have any difficulty in finding accommodation are requested to communicate with Dr. Ethel Williams, 3, Osborne Terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne, who is Chairman of the Lady Doctors' Subcommittee.

General Information.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. E. F. Murray, will gladly give any information about accommodation to members who apply to him. No anxiety need be felt on the question of securing accommodation if members will only make arrangements in good time. There are abundant tea-rooms and restaurants in the town, and a list of these will be published before the meeting.

Association Notices.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

DATE.

THE Annual Representative Meeting at Newcastle will begin on Friday, July 15th, 1921, at 10.0 a.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION AND AMENDMENT BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The Supplementary Report of Council to the Representative Meeting will appear in the SUPPLEMENT of July 2nd, 1921.

Notices of Motion and Amendment by Divisions and Branches for consideration by the Annual Representative Meeting will be published in the SUPPLEMENT as they are received, but none can be published later than July 2nd, for which purpose they must be received by the Medical Secretary not later than the first post on Monday, June 27th.

It will be possible, however, to include in the Agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting all Notices of Motion and Amendment which are received by the Medical Secretary *not later than the first post on Monday, July 4th, 1921.*

ELECTION OF 24 MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY BRANCHES IN UNITED KINGDOM.

THE following is a list of the nominations received:

Group.	Branches in Group.	Candidates nominated.	No. of Seats.
A	North of England. North Lancashire and South Westmorland	Dr. JAMES DON (Newcastle-on-Tyne)	1
B	Yorkshire	Dr. A. FORBES (Sheffield)	1
C	Lancashire and Cheshire	Dr. T. W. H. GARSTANG (Altrincham) Mr. F. STRONG HEANEY (Liverpool) Dr. FRANK RADCLIFFE (Oldham)	2
D	East York and North Lincoln. Midland	Maj.-Gen. Sir R. H. LUCE, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Derby)	1
E	Cambridge and Huntingdon. Essex. Norfolk. South Midland. Suffolk.	Dr. E. O. TURNER (Great Missenden)	1
F	Birmingham Staffordshire	Dr. H. C. MACTIER, M.B.E. (Wolverhampton) Dr. A. W. NUTHALL (Birmingham)	1
G	North Wales. Shropshire and Mid Wales. South Wales and Monmouthshire	Dr. W. B. CRAWFORD TREASURE (Cardiff)	1
H	Metropolitan Counties	Dr. H. S. BEADLES (West Ham) Dr. C. BUTTAR (Kensington) Lord DAWSON OF PENN, G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G. (Marylebone) Mr. N. BISHOP HARMAN (Marylebone) Dr. R. LANGDON DOWN (Hampton Wick) Dr. WM. PATERSON (Willesden)	4
I	Bath and Bristol Gloucestershire West Somerset Worcestershire and Herefordshire	Dr. H. C. BRISTOWE (Wrington) Dr. A. O. HOLBECHE (Worcester)	1
J	Dorset and West Hants. South-Western. Wiltshire	Mr. RUSSELL COOMBE (Exeter)	1
K	Oxford and Reading. Southern	Dr. D. A. SHEAHAN (Portsmouth)	1
L	Kent. Surrey. Sussex	Dr. E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL (Hove) Dr. ARNOLD LYNDON (Hindhead)	1
M	Aberdeen. Dundee. Northern Counties. Perth	Dr. DAVID LAWSON (Banchory)	1
N	Edinburgh. Fife	Dr. JOHN STEVENS (Edinburgh)	1
O	Glasgow and West of Scotland (4 City Divisions)	Dr. WM. SNODGRASS (Glasgow)	1
P	Border Counties. Glasgow and West of Scotland (5 County Divisions). Stirling	Dr. HUGH MILLER (Hamilton)	1
Q	Connaught. South-Eastern of Ireland	Dr. DENIS WALSHE (Graigue, Kilkenny)	1
R	Leinster	Dr. R. C. PEACOCKE (Blackrock, Dublin)	1
S	Munster	Dr. PHILIP G. LEE (Cork)	1
T	Ulster	Mr. R. J. JOHNSTONE (Belfast)	1
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Voting papers for Groups C, F, H, I, and L will be posted from Head Office on Saturday, May 21st; they are returnable by Monday, June 6th, first post.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, NEWCASTLE, 1921.

By BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION:

That reports of Division meetings should be published in full in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT.

That this meeting approves of the idea of federation with other medical bodies, provided that the greatest care is taken to safeguard the interests of

the British Medical Association, especially with regard to its financial interests and medical policy.

That non-medical bodies should be excluded from a federation.

By Mr. McADAM ECCLES (Marylebone):

That the draft scheme prepared by the Metropolitan Counties Branch Council of an organization for London of a national provident scheme for hospital and additional medical services be approved by the Representative Body as conforming to the policy of the Association in regard to voluntary hospitals.

[NOTE.—*This scheme was published in the* SUPPLEMENT, *April 30th, 1921, pp. 161–162.*]

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

SUSSEX BRANCH: CHICHESTER AND WORTHING DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at Chichester on April 27th, when Dr. David Ewart was in the chair. At the conclusion of the business agenda an interesting address was given by Dr. Robert Hutchison, physician to the London Hospital, on "The Diagnostic Significance of Abdominal Pain in the Adult." Many members took part in the ensuing discussion, and Dr. Hutchison replied. The meeting passed a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer for his instructive address. Dr. Hutchison subsequently dined with the members, and a pleasant evening was spent. This is the third of a series of similar meetings held during this divisional year, and the practice of combining the pursuit of medical science with the cultivation of the social qualities has been a success.

MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at 18, Bennett's Hill, on Thursday, June 16th, at 3.45 p.m. Agenda: To instruct Representatives. To elect officers for ensuing year. Nominations for officers must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretaries fourteen days before the meeting. Members are requested to bring with them copies of the SUPPLEMENT of April 30th.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at 429, Strand, W.C., on Friday, June 24th, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Report of scrutineers as to the election of new officers. (2) Annual Report of Council. (3) Alteration in Rule 11 by the insertion of words providing that such members of the Branch as are members of the Central Council shall be *ex officio* members of the Metropolitan Counties Branch Council. (4) President's address by Dr. H. B. Brackenbury: The Psychologist in Public Life.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital on Friday, May 27th, at 9 p.m. Agenda: (1) Election of officers and Representatives for ensuing year. (2) Instructions to Representatives. (3) 10 p.m., Address by Dr. H. B. Brackenbury, Vice-President of Branch and President-elect of Branch. Dr. Brackenbury will explain the National Provident Scheme for hospital and additional medical services. As this is likely to affect the general practitioner very closely, it is hoped that everyone will make a special effort to be present. It is particularly to be desired that as many members as possible who are resident in the Islington section shall attend. It is proposed during the next session to hold several of the meetings, both clinical and ordinary, in the Islington area. During the session 1921–22 there will be a dinner entertainment (on November 3rd) and three dinner dances. Monthly lectures will be given; the first, in October, being a dental lecture, with lantern slides, by Dr. C. E. Wallis.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A meeting of the Division will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, at 8.30 p.m., at St. George's Lodge, Catford, S.E.6. Agenda: Discussion of the provident scheme for hospitals in London area. Any other business.

MIDLAND BRANCH: KESTEVEN DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Dr. T. P. Greenwood's residence, 36, St. Mary's Street, Stamford, on Tuesday, May 31st, at 3.30 p.m. Business: (1) To elect the Chairman and Committee for the ensuing year. (2) To elect a Representative in Representative Body. For the purpose of this election, this meeting is a joint meeting of the Kesteven and Holland Divisions. (3) To discuss the agenda for the Annual Representative Meeting, and to instruct the Representative thereon. The honorary secretary, Dr. C. H. D. Robbs, informs members that he has obtained authority from the bodies concerned, throughout the Division, for the fees paid to medical practitioners called in by the police to be: day call, 7s. 6d.; night call, 10s. 6d. Tea will be provided at the conclusion of the meeting, and it is hoped that objects of interest in Stamford may be viewed.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: EXETER DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held in the library of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, on Thursday, May 26th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided. Agenda: Report of Executive Committee. Election of officers and representatives. Consider Annual Report of Council.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Church House, St. James Street, Sheffield, on Friday, May 27th, at 8.30 p.m., when the report of the Executive Committee will be presented and the officers and committee elected for the ensuing year.

SCOTTISH CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL'S REPORT.

VIEWS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.

THE Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh at its last quarterly meeting adopted the following report of a Committee of the College regarding the Interim Report submitted by the Consultative Council on Medical and Allied Services to the Scottish Board of Health.*

In reviewing the Interim Report of the Consultative Council on Medical and Allied Services the Committee of the College have kept in view the terms of the reference from the Board of Health to the Consultative Council, as follows:

"*To consider and to make recommendations as to the systematized provision of such form of medical and allied service as should, in the opinion of the Council, be available for the community.*"

The reference raises two issues which, although closely related, may with advantage be considered separately—namely: (1) What forms of medical and allied services should be available for the community? (2) How best can the provision of such services be systematized?

(1) What forms of medical and allied services should be available for the community? The Committee of the College are in accord with the view of the Consultative Council that the present provision of such services throughout the community is inadequate and patchy. Hiatuses and irregularities exist which call for careful consideration.

The Committee note with satisfaction the definite recognition of the home and the household as the primary centre of medical care. From the medical as well as from the social point of view the family is the normal unit. If the health of the nation is to be placed on a high level, the home must be the centre of medical endeavour, both preventive and curative. The family doctor, in immediate relation with the individual household, must be the instrument and agent of any scheme for the systematized provision of medical and allied services. Households should be encouraged to look to the family doctor as their normal medical adviser and guardian, to whom they naturally refer all matters pertaining to health, and who personally renders such services as he can, and likewise sees that auxiliary services otherwise provided are suitable and sufficiently brought within their reach.

It is, in the opinion of the Committee of the College, a primary and essential condition in the provision of extra medical services that the family doctor should be the medium of communication and arrangement in the case of households which are normally under his care. Only in this way can the continuous attention of the doctor to the well-being of the household be maintained and the interest of the community secured. Divorced from the family doctor as the ultimate health agent, attempts at the systematic provision of medical services are, in the judgement of the Committee, doomed to failure.

If the premiss be conceded the way is clear to a useful consideration of the directions in which the efforts of the individual doctor may properly be supplemented by extra services duly systematized.

Provision for such extra services has already been made in certain directions, but in piecemeal and unequal fashion. In connexion with some of these it may fairly be questioned if sufficient care has been taken to secure the friendly concurrence and co-operation of the family doctor in the way which seems to the Committee essential for success. Obvious examples of the lack of proper co-ordination are to be found in connexion with the education medical services and child welfare and maternity schemes.

Such agencies affect the heart of family life and their operation can only be successful when intimately linked with those of the family adviser. It is most desirable that any machinery for the betterment of the community erected outside the individual home should be brought into intimate relationship with the operation of the doctor within the home. The doctor should be a party to all communications and measures proposed in the interest of the members of the household. No one knows better than the family doctor the lacunae which exist in his

* "A Medical Service Scheme for Scotland," BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 11th, 1920, p. 900.

armamentarium for the suitable treatment of various patients at varying stages of illness, nor will anyone be more appreciative of sound proposals whereby the deficiencies can be made good.

The Committee of the College are unanimously of opinion that the facilities presently available for the care and treatment of sick persons throughout the country call for improvement and expansion in numerous directions. They recognize that existing needs differ somewhat in different parts of the country. The needs of a densely populated centre of industrial life are different from those of a scattered rural area. In this respect the needs of the Highlands and Islands call for particular consideration.

The recommendations of the Consultative Council are evidently based on a careful review of the available evidence. The Committee of the College have gone over the recommendations in detail and are generally in agreement with the proposals, provided that the relation of the family doctor to the extra medical services be safeguarded, and that certain conditions as to the mode of provision and systematization of such services be fulfilled.

The Committee of the College desire to reinforce the position that a great improvement might be effected in relation to the immediate treatment of illness and to the prevention of disease by a thoroughgoing reform of housing conditions, and particularly by the education of the inmates as to how to make the best use of the dwelling house.

The Committee approve of the recommendation of the Council that certain services involving special skill or equipment, which are essential for successful medical treatment, and are at present beyond the reach of certain classes of the community, should be made available to all. In this sense the Committee approve of the suggested provision of special accommodation for cases of illness, either acute or chronic, which, while not requiring special surgical or other skill, cannot in the judgement of the doctor be adequately treated in the patient's own home. This arrangement would have the added advantage of facilitating the work of sick nursing.

While really serious surgical cases would for the most part continue to be sent for operation to hospitals or homes, it seems right that supplementary professional advice and assistance should be made available to doctors in connexion with graver cases of illness occurring in their practice and continuing under their care. Some scheme for the simplification and facilitation of medical and surgical consultation throughout the country is most desirable. It seems unnecessary at this stage to enter into detailed consideration of the proposed plan. In the opinion of the Committee, this may safely be left to gradual development along natural lines, according to the needs and possibilities of the several areas.

The Committee are in hearty agreement with the Council's recommendation in favour of the provision of adequate laboratory facilities, and especially the bringing of these more uniformly within easy reach of practitioners throughout the country. It seems natural that in some areas such facilities might be associated with local clinics. Here also the detailed scheme outlined in the report must evidently be a matter of gradual development.

The Committee are unanimously in favour of the extension of the principle of convalescent homes in connexion with the hospitals of the country. This would notably ease the strain on hospital accommodation, and obviate the many disadvantages presently attaching to the system of waiting lists, which seriously limit the value of the larger hospitals. Apart from the needs of hospitals, it would be an immense boon to the general practitioner to have more closely at his service convalescent homes for the behoof of persons recovering from serious illness involving long convalescence. Much may be said likewise for the provision of country rest homes to which persons suffering from the strain of work, or other cause, might be sent with a view to anticipate illness or prevent more serious breakdown.

No argument is needed to enforce the value to the patient and to the doctor as to the extension of the methods of district nursing. The Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Organization has brought incalculable benefit to the community, and the voice of the profession is unanimous in pressing for a still larger development along such lines. What the rich can afford for themselves in this direction should be made available to all. No greater immediate service could be rendered to the country by the Board of Health than the placing of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Organization on a larger and more stable basis. The proposal for an elaborate service of health visitors, apart from such nurses, is little favoured by the Committee. The experience of a good many members of the Committee is strongly adverse to the methods of this service as hitherto developed. The Committee are unanimously of opinion that health visitors should in all cases have enjoyed nursing training.

With regard to maternity, the Committee favour the view that provision must be made whereby skilled medical guidance is available for every expectant mother. For the most part this should be attained by way of the family doctor, who in many directions may be the means of ensuring safe gestation and anticipating trouble. The doctor would be suitably aided by a service of midwives who may frequently, in cases of normal labour, replace the doctor. In view of the occurrence of difficult cases, or where the home is obviously unsuitable, it is desirable that a sufficient number of maternity beds should be available in every district.

The Committee concur in the Council's recommendation that adequate facilities should exist throughout the country for conservative dentistry.

(2) Assuming that an expansion of medical and allied services such as has been outlined should be afforded, a further question arises as to the method whereby the services should be made available. How best can the provision of such services be systematized? The Committee would remind the College that the Board of Health, as now constituted, represents the centre of co-ordination for purposes of direction and administration of all the public services and agencies concerned with the health of the community.

The College has on various occasions urged the desirability of a complete and systematized centralization of health activities. The Consultative Council on Medical and Allied Services, whose interim report is now under consideration, is an important auxiliary of the Board. The College gave its concurrence to the constitution of the Council by recommending certain persons for inclusion in its membership.

Whatever conclusions the Board of Health may come to after consideration of the views of the Consultative Council, and of other bodies who may volunteer suggestions as to the policy to be followed in the interest of the health of the community, it is obvious that a successful issue will chiefly depend on the just adaptation and smooth running of the machinery whereby the policy is put into practice throughout the country.

If such co-ordination of services and agencies be essential at the centre, similar co-ordination is no less necessary throughout the country, and particularly at the periphery. The Committee of the College cordially endorse the plea of the Consultative Council in pressing for a unification of the various local authorities concerned with health and treatment in each district. Such unification is the first step towards a successful systematization of medical services.

Locally as well as centrally the various agencies concerned with the direction and maintenance of health services must be closely linked up. The question whether this should be effected by enlargement of the presently existing Health Committees of local authorities so as to include in their membership a larger proportion of competent persons—by reason of training and experience—or by the creation of a special local authority—erected *ad hoc*—hardly rises for consideration here. The Committee would, however, emphasize the opinion that ultimately the success of the Board of Health's policy will largely depend on the extent to which the policy embodies the principle that the health service of the nation, however elaborated, should be based on the family doctor as the medical attendant and guardian of the household, and that, whatever extra services are provided, should be conceived as supplemental and auxiliary to his efforts.

In endorsing the above recommendations made by the Consultative Council the Committee of the College would not have it supposed that they look for the immediate realization of the details outlined in the scheme of medical services proposed in the report. The present economic condition of the country makes this manifestly impossible. It is, in their opinion, none the less important that a beginning be made and sound foundations laid for the gradual development later as circumstances may permit.

Lastly, in relation to financial considerations which hardly come within the terms of the reference, it seems pretty clear to the Committee that, while the wealthier classes can already attain most of the advantages which are now claimed for all, it will be found that for a certain section of the community, fairly described as necessitous, the provision of all medical service will have to be made at the public expense. It seems no less clear that the costs of medical services as expanded in the way that has been outlined—which will be necessarily considerable—

might, for a large intermediate group between the wealthy and the necessitous, be met by a scheme of graded contribution either voluntary or enforced by statute.

The Committee think it proper to add that some members of the Committee, in adhering to the Committee's report, object to an extension of medical benefits under the National Health Insurance Acts to dependants of the insured population except on a basis of voluntary contribution, while some desire to place on record their continued disapproval of the conditions of service under the medical benefit section of the National Health Insurance Acts.

Correspondence.

A Medical Service Scheme for Scotland.

SIR,—On January 25th last the Medical Guild addressed a letter to the medical profession in Scotland with an accompanying memorandum, both of which adversely criticized the Interim Report on a Scheme of Medical Service for Scotland presented to the Scottish Board of Health by the Consultative Council on Medical and Allied Services. These communications were published in the *Scotsman* on the following day. The "Summary of Recommendations" taken verbatim from the interim report was annexed to the letter.

The letter contained the following questions to which answers were invited: (1) Do you approve of the terms of this letter and memorandum? (2) Do you approve of the proposed extension of National Health Insurance (Recommendation 4)?

We are now in a position to announce the result of this referendum, which is of equal importance to the general public and the medical profession. Question 1 referred to the letter and memorandum of the Guild, whose attitude is expressed in the memorandum thus: "Matters will be righted only when the State ceases to interfere with medical attendance on sick people other than those who belong to the necessitous classes, so long as the sick are not a danger to the community by reason of infectivity." Question 2 requires no elaboration. Replies favourable to the policy of the Guild required "Yes" for Question 1 and "No" for Question 2.

The returns so far to hand number 1,331. Of that number, 1,105, or approximately 83 per cent., voted "Yes" to Question 1 and "No" to Question 2; 165, or approximately 12½ per cent., answered both questions in the negative; the remaining 61, less than 5 per cent., voted "No" for Question 1 and "Yes" for Question 2, and thus this small minority only were in favour of the recommendations of the Consultative Council. The large majority, 1,270 (that is, 1,105 plus 165), over 95 per cent. of the total vote, were therefore opposed to further extension of the National Health Insurance Act, which is made the basis of the Consultative Council's scheme. In many cases replies were accompanied by emphatic protests against the nationalization of the practice of medicine, notably from men who have had ample experience of work under a State Medical Service similar in outline to the scheme proposed by the Consultative Council.

It is difficult to give an accurate statement of the number of men at present serving under the National Insurance Act who voted with the above large majority, but the returns received from certain working-class districts prove that the proportion was large.

The result of this referendum demonstrates that a large section of the profession in Scotland is opposed to the provision for medical services recommended in the interim report, including the extension of the National Health Insurance Act.

It will be remembered that the Consultative Council consider co-operation of the medical profession to be essential for the success of this scheme. The above results clearly indicate that this will not be obtained. On the contrary, it is evident that the profession would support a medical service limited to those who are unable to make provision for themselves. This would restrict the large and increasing national expenditure on medical practice, and would in no way interfere with the national health.—We are, etc.,

FRANCIS M. CAIRD,
President.
FREDERICK PORTER,
Honorary Secretary.

The Medical Guild, Edinburgh,
May 12th.

Insurance Remuneration.

SIR,—I notice in the address delivered by Dr. Alfred Cox to the Leeds Division of the British Medical Association he alluded to the possibility of a demand being made in the near future for a reduction of the National Insurance capitation fee to the doctors.

Now, Sir, I for one consider that such a demand would be preposterous, and I am quite sure that the great majority of panel practitioners would be of my way of thinking. Why should such a demand be made? We have only had the increased fee for fifteen months, while many other workers have had a rise for years, and not one rise only. What does our rise amount to? The fee was increased from 7s. to 11s.!—just 57 per cent.—while the increase in some workers' wages was over 200 per cent. It will be time enough to talk of reduction when the cost of living is reduced to about 60 per cent. over pre-war figures. At present I believe the increase is 133 per cent.

The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL has fought for and obtained in a great number of cases increases to whole-time medical officers of 50 per cent. and over. It is not suggested (and quite rightly so) that their salaries should be reduced at present, yet they are in a much more comfortable position than panel practitioners, as they have fixed hours and no night work, while a panel practitioner cannot call his soul (or body) his own, as he is always expected to be on duty. The chemists who take service under the Insurance Act take good care that *they* are not always at the beck and call of insured persons.

When the question of a State Medical Service was being talked about some time ago, one of the advantages I saw in it was that we medical men would have a very good case for demanding an eight hours day. We might then be able to carry on in the calm "go-as-you-please" fashion of a Government office instead of struggling to keep up with our work (including the keeping of records) and wearing the flesh off our bones in the endeavour to decide whether we should notify a case of scarlet or enteric fever and receive for our trouble the magnificent fee of one shilling. By the way, are we still at war with Turkey? If so why so, and if not, why is not the notification fee raised to half a crown? Yet M.P.'s grant themselves free first class railway tickets and propose to raise their own salaries.

There is a very widespread impression in the profession that the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association do not stand up to the Government as they might, and unless this impression is removed it will act prejudicially on the Association. When I use the word "profession" I mean those of us who are in general practice, and more particularly those of us who are panel practitioners.

While saying this I would at the same time earnestly appeal to all medical men to join the British Medical Association, which is far and away the largest body of medical men. Do not be selfish; do not say "What benefit shall I reap by joining the Association?" If you receive no personal benefit remember that you are helping many of your brother chips. If you are dissatisfied with the present conduct of affairs it is all the more necessary that you should join and make your point of view felt in the meetings, both local and general, of the Association. Many men who take no active part in the work are those who are most ready to criticize, and yet they receive the same advantages as those who have fought for it, and who have borne the burden and heat of the day. —I am, etc.,

PHILIP LAMBERT BENSON.

Steeple Claydon, Bucks, May 12th.

INSURANCE.

MEETING OF BUCKINGHAMSHIRE INSURANCE PRACTITIONERS.

A GENERAL meeting of the insurance practitioners on the Buckinghamshire panel was held at the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital on April 29th, when Dr. BELL was in the chair.

Dr. BELL briefly introduced Dr. BONTOR, the regional medical officer, who then gave detailed advice as to the filling up the new record cards, the procedure adopted when a second opinion was required, the filling up of certificates and other matters. He stated that he wished to help the doctors and to make their path as smooth as possible. At the conclusion of this useful address questions were invited and many points were dealt with that were not very clear in the instructions. The greatest trouble experienced by the doctors was said to be in regard to their keeping correct lists of insured persons. It was quite impossible to do so under the present system, and much time was lost in searching for record cards that were not sent, searching for record cards when pink slips were sent and not finding them, finding men's names entered on women's cards, sending in new medical cards and not getting a record card in return, the small number of window envelopes supplied, the case of the men over 70 years of age who are liable to be overlooked, enlisted men who have returned and not taken the trouble to get a new card, etc.

Finally the following resolution was directed to be sent to the Ministry of Health:

"That this general meeting of the practitioners on the Buckinghamshire panel wishes to express its great dissatisfaction at the state of chaos which exists in the keeping of the lists of insured persons by the Insurance Committee of this county. The record cards issued to practitioners are very incomplete, causing much extra work and great exasperation among practitioners."

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Bontor, and the meeting concluded after partaking of tea kindly prepared by the matron of the hospital.

A meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committee was held on the same day at the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, with Dr. BELL in the chair. Dr. DICKSON reported that friendly societies were making arrangements for the nursing of their members. It was reported that a doctor had been fined £10 for a breach of the certification rules. The revised terms with chemists were agreed to. Consideration was given to the letter from the Ministry of Health (SUPPLEMENT, April 16th, 1921) dealing with anaesthetists' fees, wherein a new form of claim was suggested (G.P. 19), and in which the practitioner performing the operation declares it to be within his terms of service. It was thought to be very unwise to adopt this, and to be far better to adhere to the decision that the Panel Committee should decide this matter.

Mileage Scheme.—Correspondence was produced from adjoining areas as to the method of making mileage claims. In some districts the medical cards were marked with the distance and the lists compiled at the office. It was carried: "That in future years some method of making lists of mileage claims at the insurance office should be urged."

Surgery Notices.—It was decided to have five hundred notice forms for practitioners to put up in their surgeries giving notice that medical cards must be produced when coming for treatment or a fee would be charged.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenants promoted to Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders: J. Lorimer, L. C. D. Irvine, N. L. L. Rollason, B. Cohen, A. G. V. Elder, D.S.C., A. G. L. Reade, O.B.E., D. J. Williamson, W. C. Macartney, W. G. Evans, J. H. Lamb, E. F. Murray.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonels H. N. Dunn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (late R.A.M.C.), and H. J. M. Buist, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retire on retired pay.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major S. McK. Saunders is restored to the establishment.

Captains G. K. Maurice, D.S.O., M.C., and D. W. Pailthorpe are seconded for service with the Egyptian Army.

Captain A. W. Beavis retires, receiving a gratuity.

Temporary Captains relinquish their commissions and retain the rank of Captain: T. M. Richardson, V. H. L. MacSwiney.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

T. P. Harpur is granted a temporary commission as Flying Officer with effect from and seniority April 19th.

DEFENCE FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

R.A.M.C.—To be temporary Majors: J. M. Cowan, W. Haig. To be temporary Captains: R. Morshead, M.C., A. G. Williams, J. M. Chrystie, A. H. D. Smith, M.C., D. C. Graham, V. T. W. Eagles, M.C., A. E. H. Reid. To be temporary Lieutenants: A. N. Rushworth, J. E. Sinclare, E. H. Mayhew.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

LONDON DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.—Tues., 4.30 p.m., Pathological Specimens and Cases.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Mon., 8 p.m., Annual General Meeting, Election of Officers and Council for 1921-1922 Session; 9 p.m., The Annual Oration by Lord Dawson of Penn, K.C.V.O., on The Colon and Colitis, followed by a Conversazione.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Tues., 8.30 p.m., Mr. W. G. H. Cook, LL.D.: The Liability of the Insane in respect of Civil Wrongs.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—Tues., 5 p.m., General Meeting of Fellows. *Section of Odontology:* Mon., 8 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Mr. J. H. Mummery and Mr. G. J. Harborow: A Composite Odontome. Mr. A. T. Pitts: Prophylactic Extraction of Third Molars. *Section of Medicine:* Tues., 5.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Discussion: Artificial Pneumothorax, to be opened by Dr. Clive Riviere. The following will also take part: Dr. S. Vere Pearson, Dr. Neville Cox, Dr. Donald Hall, Dr. Jane Walker, Dr. C. S. Burrell. *Section of Urology:* Thurs., 3.30 p.m., St. Thomas's Hospital, Operations by Mr. Cyril Nitch; 8.30 p.m, (1, Wimpole Street, W.1), Annual General Meeting. Mr. V. Zachary Cope: Genito-urinary Symptoms in Acute Appendicitis. Demonstration of a New Operating Cystoscope by Mr. Swift Joly. *Section of Study of Disease in Children:* Fri. (4.30 p.m., Cases), 5 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Dr. Hugh Thursfield: Diagnosis of Renal Calculus in a Child, *Section of Epidemiology and State Medicine:* Fri., 8.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Dr. R. J. Reece: Occurrence of Cow-pox and Human Cases in connexion therewith. Dr. F. R. Blaxall: Preparation of Vaccine Lymph at the Government Lymph Laboratory.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Western Infirmary (Electrical Department).—Wed., 4.15 p.m., Dr. J. R. Riddell: X Rays, etc.

INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY AND RESEARCH, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, W.—Thurs., 4.30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Murray: Aims and Progress of the Experimental Study of Cancer.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—Mon., 5 p.m., Dr. W. M. Feldman: Ante-natal and Post-natal Child Physiology; Tues. and Fri., 5.15 p.m., Dr. M. Culpin: Psycho-neuroses.

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NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics; Tues., 3.30 p.m., Dr. J. Taylor: Demonstration of Cases. *Lectures*, 3.30 p.m., Mon., Dr. A. Turner: Neuroses; Wed., Mr. Leslie Paton: Ocular Palsies; Thurs., Mr. Scott: Vertigo; Fri., Dr. G. Stewart: Sciatic Nerve Lesions.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.—Mon., 4 p.m., Mr. M. Vlasto: Tonsils and Adenoids in Children; Tues., 4 p.m., Mr. A. H. Todd: Common Disabilities of the Lower Limbs (other than paralytic) in Children; Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. G. Bourne: Heart Disease in Children; Thurs., 12 noon, Mr. V. Nesfield: Corneal Opacities.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Daily, 10 a.m., Ward Visits; 2 p.m., In- and Out-patient Clinics and Operations. *Lectures*, 5 p.m., Mon., Dr. A. Saunders: Gastric Disorders in Infants; Tues., Mr. Bishop Harman: Blind and Partly Blind Children; Wed., Dr. G. Stewart: Cranial Nerve Palsies; Thurs., Dr. L. S. Burrell: Artificial Pneumothorax; Fri., Sir R. Armstrong-Jones: Common Forms of Mental Diseases.

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26 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Exeter Division, Annual Meeting, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, 3 p.m.
27 Fri. City Division, Annual Meeting, Metropolitan Hospital, 9 p.m. Address by Dr. H. B. Brackenbury, 10 p.m.
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31 Tues. Kesteven Division Annual Meeting, 36, St. Mary's Street, Stamford, 3.30 p.m.

JUNE.

1 Wed. London: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m.
16 Thurs. Central Division, Annual Meeting, 18, Bennett's Hill, 3.45 p.m.
24 Fri. Metropolitan Counties Branch Annual Meeting, 429, Strand, W.C.2, 4 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS.

COATES, Vincent M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., Honorary Assistant Physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath.

FIRMAN-EDWARDS, L., B.A., M.B., B.Ch.Cantab., Honorary Pathologist to the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde.

KENNON, Robert, M.C., M.D., F.R.C.S., Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Liverpool Royal Infirmary.

NICHOLSON, Ruth, M.B., B.S.Dunelm, Honorary Assistant Surgeon to the Liverpool Maternity Hospital and Ladies' Charity.

PAUL, Hugh, M.B., B.Ch.Belfast, D.P.H.Cardiff, Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant Tuberculosis Officer, Oldham (Lancs.).

SUMNER, S. S., M.B., Ch.B., Senior House Surgeon to the Darlington General Hospital.

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BIRTH.

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